



**Seattle
Neighborhoods**
SEATTLE YOUTH COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016
@ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, Boards & Commissions Rm L280

Commissioners Present: Jess Juanich, Anne Maher, Becky Scurlock, Kaileah Mayer, M Xochitl Wilder, Ziah Daily, Isabella Sundy, Andy Huynh, Elizabeth Van Flandern

Commissioners Absent: Cyan Tuttle, Henry C. Meyerson, Kaiji Obras, Nyasha Maraire, Hassan Abdi Noor

Call to Order: 4:07 pm

Introduction & Icebreaker

Jenny Frankl introduced herself as the new SYC staff. She shared her background with Seattle Youth Commission, and Department of Neighborhoods. Youth Commissioner introduced themselves and shared two things that they would like for their teammates to understand about them and two things they value in a teammate.

Approve Minutes:

Jess called for a motion to approve minutes. Isabella seconded. Motion passed.

Work plan & Action Steps

Commissioner broke out into committees:

- Affordability – Elizabeth, Annie, Kaileah
 - Would like to host two community meetings in different neighborhoods to host a youth conversation about affordability.
- Safety – M Xochitl, Ziah
 - Would like to work with SPD to plan a series of youth/SPD dialogues to improve relationship between teens and police
- Economic Dev – Andy, Isabella, Becky, Jess
 - Would like to revamp Teen Portal. They would like to survey youth on what kind of web presence would attract more traffic.

Youth Voice, Youth Choice

Becky shared an update on Youth Voice, Youth Choice – an opportunity for youth in Seattle, ages 11- 25 years old, to decide how to spend \$700,000 of City budget. Nineteen proposals will be on the ballot and there will be a push to get youth to vote during Vote Week – May 21 – 28. The following youth commissioners plan to host polling stations at their schools: Becky, Kaileah, Isabella, Annie, Andy, Elizabeth, Jess, M Xochitl

Revised SYC Ordinance

Jenny went over the revised ordinance. Some of the changes include:

1. Reduced the number of commissioners from 25 to 15.

2. Changed the representative districts from 13 neighborhood district councils to seven City Council districts.
3. Changed the term from one year to two years, and amended the ordinance to allow for the term to be synched with the academic year.
4. Amended the language around an annual Youth town hall to more flexible languages so that there is an option for the youth to work on a large summit closely related in topic.
5. Optional language for more than one chair of the commission.
6. Changed the staffing from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Neighborhoods.
7. Eliminated language around absences, to be placed into a set of bylaws instead.

Parking Passes

Jenny distributed parking passes to youth commissioners who turned in forms.

Summer Meetings

Plans for the summer meetings is to build in committee time and schedule time with appropriate City staff to meet with commissioners during that time. Committee members will likely be meeting city staff in their offices.

Adjourn

5:36 pm